

A Summer of Fun for Rocklin Families

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Rocklin is a city where families thrive and enjoy a superior quality of life. With the kick-off of summer upon us there is much more to do than just lying by the pool or watching television. The City offers a plethora of recreational activities for youth and adults as well as beautiful parks and amenities to enjoy.

Specifically, the City has proactively developed and maintained a comprehensive network of parks and recreational amenities, which demonstrate the City's commitment to building a strong, family community. Additionally, we have expanded the number and types of programs for all age groups from pre-school children to seniors. This includes music programs, performing arts classes and sports activities.

First, Rocklin's park system has dramatically expanded over the last five years. More new parks have opened during this period than any other time in history. The recipe for success combines commitment and creativity by City officials as well as a generous amount of public participation. The result is an accessible network of 17 neighborhood parks, two community parks, three community centers and even a skateboard park. Rocklin's park system offers more than 372 acres for residents to enjoy. Rocklin's open space exceeds the state standard of 3 acres per resident by maintaining over 8 acres of open space per resident.

The foundation upon which all Rocklin parks are based is community involvement. Residents play a central role in the park planning process. All designs are reviewed and approved by the Rocklin Recreation Commission, which is comprised of citizens who advise City staff. Residents are invited to workshops where they actually design their own park. The Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding budget priorities, development plans, and ensures that all facilities are consistent with the public vision. The Recreation Commission approves turn-key park master plans because they are submitted prior to new development and do not yet have residents.

Second, Rocklin residents can explore their creativity, imagination and athleticism through the variety of recreational programs available. Whether building team skills through soccer and baseball or developing a flare for drama in the performing arts classes, Rocklin children can grow through these fun, dynamic activities developed and organized by the Community Services and Facilities Department. Don't let your children say, "There's nothing to do!" With the City's strong, diverse programs for Summer 2004 your children will have the opportunity to discover new talents and fine tune old ones.

Additionally, Rocklin's best annual festival, the Rocklin Jubilee, is just around the corner on June 26th. This year's theme is "Rocklin Retro Jubilee" and it will be held at Johnson Springview Park. There will be a parade, games, music and fireworks. It's the best way to kick of the summer with this community, family celebration.

Rocklin strives to be a family community and the abundance of recreational facilities and programs reflect that fact. The community, along with City leaders, will continue to ensure it remains a place where residents live and play happily. The City has so much to offer for this summer season. So, get out the sun screen, pull out your ball cap, get on those sun glasses and dive in!

For more information on amenities and recreational programs contact the City of Rocklin Community Services and Facilities Department. Or, visit our website at www.rocklin.ca.us for the latest in class offerings and programs.

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